

REMARKS

In the above referenced Office Action, the Examiner divided the claims into the following groups:

- I. Claims 1-9, drawn to an apparatus for carrying an unmanned vehicle;
- II. Claims 10-13, drawn to an apparatus for carrying an unmanned vehicle;
- III. Claims 14-17, drawn to an apparatus for carrying an unmanned vehicle;
- IV. Claims 18-29, drawn to an apparatus for launching an unmanned vehicle;
- V. Claims 30-32, drawn to an apparatus for launching an unmanned vehicle;
- VI. Claims 33 and 34, drawn to an apparatus for launching an unmanned vehicle;
- VII. Claims 35-39, drawn to an apparatus for launching an unmanned vehicle;
- VIII. Claims 40-47, drawn to a method for launching an unmanned vehicle; and
- IX. Claims 48-50, drawn to a method for launching an unmanned vehicle.

In response, the applicants elect Group I, claims 1-9, without traverse. Non-elected claims 18-34 and 40-50 have been cancelled without prejudice to pursuing these claims in a continuation, divisional, continuation-in-part, or other application. Claims 10-17 and 35-39 have been withdrawn without prejudice to consideration of these claims upon allowance of a generic claim. The foregoing election is made with the understanding that the Examiner and the U.S. Patent and Trademark Office are now bound to the finding of non-obviousness between each of the species.

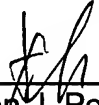
The applicants' attorney notes that at least claim 1 is generic to Groups I, II, and VII. Upon allowance of suitable generic claims, applicants request consideration of claims to additional species which are written in dependent form or which otherwise include all the limitations of the allowed generic claims.

No fees are believed due with this response. However, the Commissioner is hereby authorized and requested to charge any deficiency in fees herein to Deposit Account No. 50-0665, under Order No. 367618013US2.

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